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UPDATE: Fatal Train Crash

Eugene Police are releasing the identity of the bicyclist who was killed in yesterday's crash with an eastbound Amtrak train. James Daywitt, 49-year-old Eugene resident, was traveling southbound near East 8th Avenue and Hilyard Avenue when he collided with the Amtrak train at 5:14 p.m. Daywitt was pronounced deceased at the scene and next-of-kin have been notified.

Initial indications are that Daywitt may have been utilizing headphones at the time of the crash. He was reportedly wearing a helmet.

Officers were on scene and investigating the incident until approximately 9:30 p.m. when the area was reopened.

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Train/Bicyclist Crash at East 8th and Hilyard Avenue

SUMMARY: Eugene Police are on the scene of a fatal train and bicycle crash at East 8th and Hilyard

Eugene Police are on the scene investigating a fatal crash at East 8th and Hilyard Avenue between an eastbound Amtrak train and a southbound bicyclist that occurred at 5:14 p.m. Travelers are asked to avoid the area for an undetermined amount of time as officers investigate the incident.

No further information is available at this time.

